

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph from page 8, line 11 to page 9 line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As examples of such a selective affinity agent, saponins, polyenes, cholesterol derivatives, peptides, lectins, phospholipids derivatives, and the like can be given. As saponins exhibiting affinity with cholesterol, for example, digitonin, tomatine, and the like can be given;

as polyenes, nystatin, filipin, pimacillyn, pentamycin, trichomycin, fungichromin, perimycin, amphotericin, etoluscomycin, primycin, candigin, and the like can be given;

as cholesterol derivatives,
[N-[2-(cholesterylcarboxyamino)ethyl]carbamoylemethyl] - pullulan (abbreviated to "Chol-AECM-Pullulan") and the like can be given;

as peptides, bacitracin, polymyxin, suzukacillin, gramicidin, and the like can be given;
as lectins, concanavalin A, castor lectin, peanuts lectin, and the like can be given; and
as phospholipid derivatives, L- α -phosphatidyl glycerol dipalmitoyl and the like can be given.--

Please replace the paragraph from page 17, line 22 to page 18, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Specifically, 300 μ l of a first reagent, a 50 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5) containing 0.005% (40 μ M) digitonin, was added to 3 μ l of the samples. After 5 minutes, 100 μ l of a cholesterol determination reagent (a second reagent), which is a 50 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) containing 1% EMULGEN B-66, 1 U/ml cholesterol esterase, 1 U/ml cholesterol

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oxidase, 5 U/ml peroxidase, 0.04% disulfobutyl-m-toluidine, and 0.004% 4-aminoantipyrine,
was added.--

Please replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.